

# Master Meter Policy Update

*Arizona Corporation Commission*

## New compliance requirements starting January 1, 2019

### New Requirements

**Tender ownership of your  
system to a qualified utility  
company**

— or —

**Retain ownership, make  
required repairs, and perform  
regular maintenance**

**If you have questions about  
these new requirements,  
please contact our  
Pipeline Safety Division**

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In a move to enhance public safety, the Corporation Commission voted to approve and adopt a new policy regarding natural and propane gas master meter systems throughout the state. The new policy, adopted November 2018, requires existing master meter systems to either remain or come fully into compliance with state and federal regulations or be converted to a traditional gas system operated by a regulated public service corporation. If operators choose to come into compliance with state and federal regulations, they will have a five-year grace period during which they may not be fined for noncompliance. The Corporation Commission retains its authority to shut down systems that pose an immediate threat to public safety.

Many of these master meter systems are antiquated and nearing the end of their lifecycles, leading to potential health and safety risks. When such systems go down, it does not impact just a few users, but the entire network of the system, leaving Arizonans without critical utility services such as hot water and heat.

